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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES JUNE 5, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair, William Green called the meeting to Order at 9:45 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 7th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, Committee Chair W. Michael Shea, Committee Member Peter Economou, Committee Member

Absent:

Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member Diane Licht, Committee Member

Also Present:

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst Milagros Collazo, Executive Director Michela Ross, Government Rep Celete Paige, Administrative Staff Jazmine Moore, intern

Committee Chair, William Green announced that the lack of a quorum at 9:46 a.m. and that the Committee would be working in sub-Committee and making recommendations.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Committee's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 1, 2014 Professional Counselor Examiners Public Minutes

The Committee members present recommended the May 1, 2014 public minutes be presented to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to be ratified. Committee member, Michael Shea abstained.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present and did not comment:

- A. Eric K. Larsen, student at Felician College
- B. Laura Schreiber, student at Caldwell College
- C. Alexis Bayle, student at Caldwell College
- D. Kiera Tims, student at Caldwell College
- E. <u>Caitlin Stichter, student at Caldwell College</u>
- F. Melissa Crespo, student at Caldwell College

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Rule 534 - Rules of Evidence

The Committee members present re-reviewed the draft of the Superior Court of New Jersey's "Rule 534 - Mental Health Service Provider - Patient Privilege." *The Committee members present determined to reiterate their position and comments from the May 1, 2014 which was that the Committee expressed concerns with the draft of the uniform patient privilege.*

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Director Collazo reported that due to lack of quorum the annual Committee election of officers will be held at the July 10, 2014 meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. N.J.A.C 13:34-9A and 31 Custody/Parenting time Evaluations and or Termination of Parental Rights Evaluations

The Committee members present expressed concerns about ensuring that the Courts are notified of the new regulations.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.

X. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Nothing to report.

XI. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NJCA)

Nothing to report.

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XIII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regulations Committee

Peter Economou reported that the Rules and Regulations sub-committee will be scheduling its next meeting in July 2014 to continue review of regulations prior to the Sunset in 2016.

B. FAQs Committee

The Committee members present tabled this matter pending any additional edits by all the Committee members.

C. Internet Counseling

Peter Economou reported that the Internet Counseling sub-committee is currently tabled.

XIV. FILED ORDERS

A. Joseph McKeon

The Committee members present reviewed Mr. McKeon's order filed on March 7, 2014.

B. Luis Hernandez

The Committee members present reviewed Mr. Hernadez' order filed on May 16, 2014 formally reinstating his Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) license with restrictions.

XV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 10, 2014

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2014

July 10, 2014 October 2, 2014 August 7, 2014 November 6, 2014 September 4, 2014 December 4, 2014 Charles Aimunmondion

Melissa A. Blaston

Rochelle L. Caldwell

Maria A. Coyle

James L. Grosslicht

Fidel O. Loverton

Sofia K. Macias

Gloria J. McCoy

Stephanie R. Pascrell

Shamagne N. Richardson

Amber M. Scott

Mariam Shehota

Emily Sloan

Mark R. Stella

Shannon A. Stodnick

LAC approved

Janell K. Casciano

Kristy L. Fils-Aime

Kelly A. Friedman

Katie L. Gardner

Julie Goldburt

Robin D. Hancock

Delaine R. Johnson

Jamie L. Lopes

Angela M. Lynch

John F. Masterson

Jenny T. Matlack

LourdesMcCain

Lisa J. Mehos

Victoria L.Moran

Danielle Pera

Tarshanda Putnam

Kristy L. Romanowski

Elizabeth J. Rzengota

Jennifer I Sacco

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Carolina Suarez

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Chelsea L. Trump

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Leanne V. Hershkowitz

Janna M. Hodge

Brittany C. Janson

Christopher K. Larres

Basha L. Levine

Corraine McGough

Christopher J. McKittack

Veronica L. Moeller

Anna M. Mokrzecki

Maria E. Pisani

William B. Semon

Annabella S. Sollaccio

Jennifer M. Suarez

Leana Sykes

JoAnn J. Telesh

Shawn D. Thurber

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon unanimous consent the Committee members present moved to Executive session at 10:35 a.m to review applications, plans of supervision, consumer complaints, and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon unanimous consent the Committee members present returned to Public session at 12:30 p.m. to adjourn the June 5, 2014 meeting.